

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 were previously pending in the application. Claims 4, 7, and 10-11 are canceled; and claims 1, 8-9, and 12-17 are amended herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, and 12-21 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.


On page 2 of the final office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tran. On page 2, the Examiner also rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tran in view of Vikinski. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 11. As such, currently amended claim 1 is equivalent to previously pending claim 11 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 1 is allowable. Since claims 2-3, 5-6, 8-9, and 12-17 depend variously from claim 1, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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